

Hope Starts Here!

Stewardship

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Dear Friends,

Back in 1964 Bob Dylan wrote the prophetic song "The Times, They Are A-Changin'." He sang,

*There's a battle outside and it is ragin'
It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls,
For the times, they are a-changin'*

That reality is facing us full-on in 2020, but it is happening now. Not "soon." Now.

Masking-up is now standard operating procedure, children attend school virtually and/or in-person, movie theaters and other establishments are open but only at a fraction of capacity. Life has changed for us in many ways, but thanks God, one important aspect of life remains the same, and it is crucial! The faith community known as Esperanza -- that's YOU -- continues to serve and give HOPE to the least, the lost and the lonely.

"Esperanza" is Spanish for HOPE and together we know that many of the ministries in which the people of Esperanza are engaged provide HOPE:

You prepare and deliver meals, water and food. You sew masks. You support Feed My Starving Children, Lutheran Social Services and other life-giving ministries. You make a difference!

These are the ministries that our financial stewardship supports. We believe that God's Good News continually transforms us, empowers us, and sends us -- virtually and in-person -- to serve. That's what we are about at Esperanza. It is who we are; people of HOPE.

Stewardship is about more than just money. You are the stewards of your time, talents and treasures, and you make a difference. We believe that God's power is at work within us, God's people, to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. We take God at God's word, and we give thanks for you.

These are challenging financial times for many individuals, families and organizations, and we are grateful for your continued support of this collective ministry. Please look at the giving "Step Up Chart" and ponder and pray about what you can do to continue your support.

Take your time. The giving intent cards will be mailed next month. In the meantime, stay safe with a positive mindset about how together, we can navigate this "changing" time. Spread the HOPE/Esperanza that God abundantly provides, and remember, **Hope Starts Here!**

Pastor Paul Campbell

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Michelle Tinsley, Council President

Michelle *Serve God AND Others;
Celebrate AND Rejoice!*



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